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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
Tatsuya SASAKAWA et al. : GROUP ART UNIT: 1632  
SERIAL NO: 09/548,290 : EXAMINER: BECKERLEG, A.  
FILED: APRIL 12, 2000 :  
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FOR: ANIMAL MODEL FOR ALLERGIC DISORDERS

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action dated June 18, 2002, and in conjunction with the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) submitted herewith, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims ~~21~~-28

Please add the following claims.

C<sup>1</sup>  
--29. (New) A mouse suitable as a model for atopic dermatitis, wherein the mouse is a NC/Nga mouse which has been impregnated with a mite extract under a specific pathogen free environment, such that the animal displays at least one symptom of atopic dermatitis caused by the mite extract.